

## **RODA Joint Industry Task Force Charter**

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### Participants

- 1.1 The **Responsible Offshore Development Alliance** (RODA) is a not-for-profit, membership-based coalition of fishing businesses and associations with an interest in improving the compatibility of new offshore development with their companies. Its membership, working in numerous commercial fisheries, includes individual vessel owners, dealers, processors and fishing groups.
- 1.2 **Off-shore wind energy developers** are defined as developers holding at least one Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf issued by the United States Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM).

### Objectives

- 2.1 The **Joint Industry Task Force** (referred to as Task Force) is a group of RODA members and commercial offshore renewable energy developers (referred to as developers) with a mutual interest in promoting coexistence amongst offshore wind energy and commercial fishing practices.
- 2.2 Parties to the Task Force aim to **identify areas of cooperation and solutions** to areas of conflict. The Task Force formalizes a forum for engagement between the Parties to achieve this.

### Principles

- 3.1 **Promoting coexistence**  
Parties have an interest in promoting coexistence amongst offshore wind energy and commercial fishing;
- 3.2 **Providing for direct communication among industries**  
Parties have an interest in open, regular, effective, and direct communications industry-to-industry;
- 3.3 **Minimizing fisheries impacts**  
Parties are interested in identifying site-specific and non-specific survey, design, construction, operations, and decommissioning strategies for offshore wind energy development in order to minimize fisheries impacts;
- 3.4 **Reducing risk and uncertainty**  
Parties have an interest in identifying, exploring and utilizing ways to minimize a range of safety, economic, regulatory, operational, and other risks for both industries;
- 3.5 **Identification of conflicts and cooperative solutions**

Parties benefit from early identification of conflicts and cooperation to identify solutions to such conflicts, utilizing evidence-based and scientific approaches;

**3.6 Maintaining coastal fishing communities**

Parties have an interest in promoting the economic viability of coastal fishing communities and working waterfronts;

**3.7 Ensuring representation of fishing interests at large in the process**

Parties have an interest in ensuring that the interests of the fishing community at large are represented during the planning, surveying, construction, operations and decommissioning of offshore wind energy facilities.